

**CHATTAHOOCHEE**  
**ASSOCIATION**  
**OF**  
**FREE WILL BAPTIST**  
**182nd**  
**ANNUAL**  
**REPORT**  
**2017**

**REV. DALLAS SHORT**

**MODERATOR**

**BILLY PATTERSON**

**CLERK**

## **2018 CALENDER OF EVENTS**

### **QUARTERLY MEETINGS**

January 14, 2018\*\*

Trinity FWB

April 8, 2018\*\*

First Thomaston FWB

July TBD, 2018

Bethany FWB

October TBD, 2018

Turners Chapel FWB

**\*\*Sunday @ 4:00pm**

### **Men's Breakfast**

4<sup>th</sup> Saturday Jan. – Oct.

Cotton Gin Café , Reynolds

**DIRECTORY  
OF  
2018-2019  
GENERAL OFFICERS**

<b>MODERATOR</b> Rev. Terry Tribble PO Box 16 Mauk, Ga. 31058 478-868-2745	<b>OCT 2019</b>
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<b>ASSISTANT MODERATOR</b> Rev. Phil Bozeman 430 Joe Posey Road Butler, Ga 31006 (478) 862-3828	<b>OCT 2019</b>
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Chris Guined 1427 Roberta Hwy. Butler, Ga. 31006 (478) 951- 2148	<b>OCT 2019</b>
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Rev. Ruble Youngblood 1164 Pine Knot Road Box Springs, Ga. 31801 (229) 649-7511	<b>OCT 2020</b>
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### **DISTRICT YOUTH COMPETITION DIRECTOR**

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**OCT 2018**

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**MARCH 2020**

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**MARCH 2019**

**STATE MISSION BOARD**

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**MARCH 2019**

**STATE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**Rev. Dallas Short  
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**MARCH 2020**

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\*Not ordained by CAFB

## DIRECTORY OF CHURCHES (2)

### ACTIVE DEACONS

#### Bethany

##### First Thomaston

Herbert Salter	112 Sherwood Drive, Thomaston, Ga.30286	(706) 648-3622
Tim Salter	4131 Jeff Davis Rd. Thomaston, Ga. 30286.....	(706) 647-1236

##### New Beginning

Mike Armour	253 Saddle Trail, Box Springs, Ga. 31801	(229) 649-8158
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##### New Liberty

Elbert Streetman	1540 Bridges Store Rd. Ellaville, Ga.31086	(229) 937-2885
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##### New Life

Dwight Smith	110 Governors Drive, Box Springs, Ga 31801	(229)649-7755
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##### Spring Hill

Mark McAllister	2818 Ga. Hwy 127, Mauk Ga. 31058	(229 )649-7704
Leonard Stubbs	2719 Ga. Hwy 127, Mauk, Ga. 31058	(229) 649-3304

##### Trinity

David Welch	204 Welch Road ,Mauk, Ga. 31058	(478)862-5976
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##### Turners Chapel

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## FIRST QUARTERLY MEETING 2017

### CHATTAHOOCHEE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST

The first quarterly meeting of the Chattahoochee Association of Free Will Baptist convened at 9:30 a.m. on January 14, 2017 at Trinity FWB Church, Mauck, Georgia. Bro. Billy Patterson led the congregation in song. Rev. Dallas Short welcomed everyone and Rev. Phil Bozeman led in prayer. Rev. Dallas Short called the meeting to order and brought a devotion from Luke 11:9 and reminded us that God knocks but do we open? If we seek we will find God and there is no competition in God's service.

The clerk read the corresponding letters:

Church	Delegates	Deacons
First Thomaston	0	1
Bethany	0	0
New Beginning	0	0
New Liberty	4	0
New Life	0	0
Mt. Olive	0	0
Spring Hill	0	0
Trinity	4	0
Turners Chapel	1	2

Clerk made a motion to accept the letters and seat the delegates. The motion was seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Rolls of officers and committees were called by the clerk and a copy is attached as a part of these minutes.

Committees were strengthened or appointed as follows:

Finance – Sis. LaVada Lankford, Sis. Delois Tribble

Minutes of the 181<sup>st</sup> annual session were read and approved.

Prior to the recess an offering was received.

Following brunch and fellowship the meeting reconvened with the following reports:

State Executive Board – no report.



State Mission Board –There was no report however Rev. Bozeman reported for Gerald Moore that the Burkes are leaving the Colorado work and relocating to Gainesville, Georgia.

Board of Christian Education–There was no report however, Rev. Bozeman reminded the association to see the promotional bulletin for dates of retreats and he encouraged attendance.

Board of Trustees – no report.

State Board of Camping– Rev. Tribble said they have not met but for information stated that teen camp will be June 4– 9 with early registration of \$165. Jr. Camp will be May 28– June 1.

Ordaining Council - no report.

Finance Committee

General Fund Balance	\$10,631.81
Benevolence	7,804.35
Youth Fund	2,089.74

Received at this meeting:

Representation Fees	240.00
Offering	73.00
Benevolence	175.00

Bro. Rex Robinson made a motion to receive the report as presented. The motion was seconded and the vote was unanimous.

District Youth Competition Director– no report.

Unfinished Business– none.

New Business –none.

The moderator thanked everyone for attending the meeting and to Trinity for hosting the meeting today.

The meeting was adjourned.

Rev. Terry Tribble read I Timothy 6:12 and II Timothy 2:3 and encouraged us to fight the good fight of faith as the Christian life is a warfare.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rev. Dallas Short

Bro. Billy Patterson, Clerk  
Approved:

## SECOND QUARTERLY MEETING 2017

### CHATTAHOOCHEE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST

The second quarterly meeting of the Chattahoochee Association of Free Will Baptist convened at 9:30 a.m. on April 8, 2017 at First Thomaston FWB Church, Thomaston, Georgia. Rev. Bucky Shoemate welcomed everyone and offered a prayer. Moderator Rev. Dallas Short called the meeting to order and brought devotion from Romans 12:9 reminding us that we are to rejoice, weep, share, and love others but as Christians we are also to bless those who persecute us. The clerk read the corresponding letters:

Church	Delegates	Deacons
First Thomaston	0	0
Bethany	0	0
New Beginning	0	0
New Liberty	2	0
New Life	0	0
Mt. Olive	0	0
Spring Hill	0	0
Trinity	3	0
Turners Chapel	0	0

Clerk made a motion to accept the letters and seat the delegates. The motion was seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Rolls of officers and committees were called by the clerk and a copy is attached as a part of these minutes.

Committees were strengthened or appointed as follows:

Finance – Sis. Marilyn Smith and Sis. Deloise Tribble

Minutes of the First Quarterly Meeting were read and approved.

Prior to the recess an offering was received and prayer was offered.

Following brunch and fellowship the meeting reconvened with the following reports:

State Executive Committee – Rev. Dallas Short reported that the committee met at the State Association and reviewed the 2016 reports.

State Mission Board – Bro. Gerald Moore reported that Donnie Burke is relocating to the Gainesville, GA church. Mission Board voted to begin a new church plant in Tifton in 2018. Rent on the Cartersville Church is paid up through July.

Board of Christian Education – No report.

Board of Trustees – No report.

State Board of Camping – No report.

Ordaining Council – Rev. Terry Tribble made a motion that we receive Bro. Randy Lankford into full fellowship and recommended him for ordination into the Chattahoochee Association. The motion was seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Finance Committee

General Fund Balance	\$9,653.01
Benevolence	7,529.35
Youth Fund	2,098.74

Received at this meeting:

Representation Fees	280.00
Offering	45.00
Benevolence	175.00

Bro. Rex Robinson made a motion to receive the report as presented. The motion was seconded and the vote was unanimous.

District Youth Competition Director – No report.

Association Executive Committee – No report.

Miscellaneous Business

The clerk read a letter from Mt Olive Free Will Baptist Church stating that they have voted to withdraw from the Chattahoochee Association. Rev. Randy Lankford made a motion to accept their withdrawal. The motion was seconded and the vote was unanimous.

The meeting was adjourned.

Rev. Bucky Shoemate read from Matthew 5:38 and Mark 4:17 and said Christianity is at war. We can be offended or we can stand and be strong. We can win this war or lose it and the only way we can win is by putting on the full armor of God every day.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Dallas Short, Moderator    Bro. Billy Patterson, Clerk

### THIRD QUARTERLY MEETING 2017

#### CHATTAHOOCHEE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST

The third quarterly meeting of the Chattahoochee Association of Free Will Baptist convened at 9:30 a.m. on July 8, 2017 at New Beginning FWB Church, Box Springs, Georgia. Rev. Dallas Short welcomed everyone and Sister Stephanie Smith led in song. Rev. Phil Bozeman offered a prayer. Rev. Dallas Short called the meeting to order and read examples of how God takes care of us even when we don't realize it.

The clerk read the corresponding letters:

Church	Delegates	Deacons
First Thomaston	0	0
Bethany	0	0
New Beginning	2	1
New Liberty	3	0
New Life		
Spring Hill	0	0
Trinity	3	0
Turners Chapel	0	4

Clerk made a motion to accept the letters and seat the delegates. The motion was seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Rolls of officers and committees were called by the clerk and a copy is attached as a part of these minutes.

Committees were strengthened or appointed as follows:

Finance – Lisa Armour

Nominating – Gerald Moore, Rev. Ruble Youngblood, and Rev. Randy Lankford

Minutes of the Second Quarterly Meeting were read and approved.

Prior to the recess an offering was received.

Following brunch and fellowship the meeting reconvened with the following reports:

State Executive Committee – No report.

State Mission Board – Bro. Gerald Moore reported that church planter Bro. Bennett is working to establish a church in Tifton, Georgia. The Gainesville revitalization project is continuing with

success. The Mission Board met with the Executive Board and amended the constitution and by-laws to allow this pilot program to continue.

Board of Christian Education – No report.

Board of Trustees – No report.

State Board of Camping – No report.

Ordaining Council – No report.

Finance Committee

General Fund Balance	\$9,990.65
Benevolence	7,254.35
Youth Fund	2,098.74

Received at this meeting:

Representation Fees	240.00
Offering	68.00
Benevolence	150.00

Bro. Rex Robinson made a motion to receive the report as presented. The motion was seconded and the vote was unanimous.

District Youth Competition Director – No report.

Unfinished Business –  
There was none.

New Business –  
There was none.

After several announcements the meeting was adjourned.

Rev. Dallas Short read from II Corinthians 6:1-10 and said many people put off salvation, but today is the day of salvation. God provides all we need and we are all rich in God's love.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Dallas Short

Bro. Billy Patterson, Clerk

**ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY SECOND ANNUAL MEETING**  
**CHATTAHOOCHEE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST**

The 182<sup>nd</sup> annual meeting of the Chattahoochee Association of Free Will Baptist convened at 9:30 a.m. on October 14, 2017 at Turner's Chapel FWB Church, Butler, Georgia. Moderator, Rev. Dallas Short welcomed everyone and a congregational song was had. Rev. Phil Bozeman led in prayer and Bro. Short brought devotion from II Samuel 22:1-3. He reminded us that the Lord is our rock and we don't have to look for any other.

The clerk read the corresponding letters:

Church	Delegates	Deacons
Bethany	0	0
Thomaston	no letter	
New Beginning	0	0
New Liberty	4	0
New Life	no letter	
Spring Hill	0	0
Trinity	2	0
Turners Chapel	1	4

Brother Billy Patterson made a motion to accept the letters and seat the delegates. The motion was seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Rolls of officers and committees were called by the clerk and a copy is attached as a part of these minutes.

Committees were strengthened or appointed as follows:

Finance – Lisa Robinson, Marilyn Smith  
Temperance – Terry Tribble, Gerald Moore  
Sunday School - LaVada Lankford, Kaye Jackson  
Obituaries – Phil Bozeman

Minutes of the Third Quarterly Meeting were read and approved.

Prior to the recess an offering was received.

Following brunch and fellowship the meeting reconvened with the following reports:

State Executive Committee – No report.

State Mission Board – No report.

Board of Christian Education – No report.

Board of Trustees – No report.

State Board of Camping – No report.

Ordaining Council – No report.

Finance Committee –

General Fund Balance	\$10,031.76
Benevolence	6,979.35
Youth Fund	2,098.74

Received at this meeting:

Representation Fees	240.00
Offering	180.00
Benevolence	1,090.00
National Fees	300.00

Brother Rex Robinson made a motion to receive the report as presented. The motion was seconded and the vote was unanimous. Brother Rex also made a motion that the association absorb the national/state fees for each church for 2017. The motion was seconded and the vote was unanimous.

District Youth Competition Director – Sister Kaye Jackson had no report however she stated that churches with children wishing to participate should notify her. She said fellowship is important for our youth and it seems that youth have enjoyed youth rallies and competitions in the past. Now is the time to begin creating local competitions to prepare for next year.

Nominating Committee – Rev. Randy Lankford on behalf of the nominating committee made a motion to elect the following slate of officers. Following discussion the motion was seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Moderator – Rev. Terry Tribble  
Assistant Moderator – Rev. Phil Bozeman  
Clerk/Treasurer – Bro. Billy Patterson  
Assistant Clerk/Treasurer – Sis. Alane Patterson  
Executive Committee – Rev. Ruble Youngblood  
Ordaining Council – Rev. Ruble Youngblood, Rev. Randy Lankford  
District Youth Competition Director – Sister Kaye Jackson  
Finance Committee – Bro. Rex Robinson, Sister Marilyn Smith

State Board of Trustees – Rev. Terry Tribble

State Christian Education – (Billy Patterson respectfully declined this board and the motion was modified to elect - Rev. Phil Bozeman.)

Temperance – Rev. Terry Tribble stated that we as God’s chosen vessels should be a shining example for those around us. We must be disciplined in our service to God and fellow man.

Sunday School – Sister Kaye Jackson stated that preaching is instruction from God delivered through pastors; Sunday School is a time when we gather for more in-depth study of the word. It has become a forgotten part of the church and needs to be rebuilt. The committee recommends we pray for a revival of our Sunday Schools.

Obituary – Rev. Phil Bozeman read the obituaries and they are included in this book of minutes. Those in attendance stood in a moment of silence in remembrance of those gone home followed by prayer by Rev. Bozeman.

Association Executive Committee – Bro. Billy Patterson reported that the Executive Committee has met on several occasions and decided to bring several questions before the association. The first two questions dealt with the moderator being able to succeed himself more than once and changing meetings from quarterly to semi-annually. The committee recommended no change to either of these. Delegates present agreed to their recommendation not to change this.

On behalf of the executive committee Bro. Billy Patterson made a motion that the host church select a FWB speaker from another church for the association meeting which they host; also, the host church will select a speaker for the devotion. The motion was seconded. Following an in-depth discussion the motion carried with one opposing vote.

The committee recommended that a question be place before the body concerning changing to a Sunday afternoon conference and joint evening service. Rev. Terry Tribble made a motion to adopt this change and there was a second. Following discussion Rev. Phil Bozeman amended the motion to state that this would be done for the first two quarterly meetings of 2018 as a trial. This motion was seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Bro. Billy Patterson made a motion that the honorarium be changed to \$100 for the moderator and \$225 for the clerk. Motion was seconded and the vote was unanimous.

On behalf of the executive committee Bro. Patterson made a motion that the association adopt a benevolence fund guideline which was developed by a benevolence committee in conjunction with the executive committee. After a reading of the guideline the motion was seconded and the vote was unanimous.



## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

### NEW BUSINESS

A card from the Windham family was read expressing appreciation for what the association does through the benevolence fund.

The Quarterly Meetings for 2018 were set as follows:

First Quarterly Meeting – January 14, 2018 – Trinity FWB Church (4:00 p.m.)

Second Quarterly Meeting – April 8, 2018 – New Beginning FWB Church (4:00 p.m.)

Third Quarterly Meeting – July (TBD), 2018 – Bethany FWB Church

Annual Meeting – October (TBD) 2018 – Turners Chapel FWB Church

A rising vote of thanks was given for the host church.

Special music was presented by Sis. LaVada Lankford.

Rev. Phil Bozeman read from Daniel 2:17-23 and gave us four ways to praise God. Some of those ways being to praise Him for who He is; His wisdom; His omniscience, and His might.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rev. Dallas Short, Moderator

Billy Patterson, Clerk

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

### ADDENDUM:

Following the meeting Rev. Terry Tribble made a decision to not serve on the Association Executive Committee or State Board of Trustees due to conflicts. In accordance with the CAFB Constitution Article IV, Section III, "Vacancies on any of the boards between sessions may be filled by appointment of the moderator until the next business session." Moderator, Rev. Terry Tribble, has appointed Rev. Randy Lankford to serve on the Executive Committee and Rev. Dallas Short to serve on the State Board of Trustees.

**ROLL CALL 2017**  
**OFFICERS, COMMITTEES, MINISTERS**

<b>OFFICERS</b>		<b>JAN</b>	<b>APR</b>	<b>JUL</b>	<b>OCT</b>
Moderator	Rev. Dallas Short	X	X	X	X
Asst. Mod.	Rev. Phil Bozeman	X		X	X
Clerk	Bro. Billy Patterson	X	X	X	X
Asst. Clerk	Sis. Alane Patterson	X	X	X	X
<b>COMMITTEE'S</b>					
Executive	Bro. Jesse Carroll			X	X
	Rev. Terry Tribble	X	X	X	X
	Bro. Chris Guined	X		X	X
Ordaining	Rev. Phil Bozeman	X		X	X
	Rev. Terry Tribble	X	X	X	X
	Rev. Bucky Shoemate	X	X		
Youth/Camp Dir.					
Youth Compt. Dir.	Sis. Kaye Jackson	X		X	X
Finance	Bro. Rex Robinson	X	X	X	X
	Sis. Stephanie Smith			X	
<b>STATE BOARD'S</b>					
Christian Ed.	Rev. Phil Bozeman	X		X	X
Camping	Rev. Terry Tribble	X	X	X	X
Mission's	Bro. Gerald Moore		X	X	X
Trustees	Rev. Dallas Short	X	X	X	X
	<b>MINISTERS</b>				
	Rev. Phil Bozeman	X		X	X
	Rev. Randy Lankford	X	X		X
	Rev. James Shoemate	X	X		
	Rev. Dallas Short	X	X	X	X
	Rev. Terry Tribble	X	X	X	X
	Rev. Ruble Youngblood				X

## OBITUARIES

*We Honor those who have gone before us.*

### Trinity Free Will Baptist Church

**Brother John Thomas “Tommy” Guined** born January 13, 1947 went to be with the Lord April 5, 2017. He was a faithful member of Trinity Free Will Baptist Church for many years. He was faithful in his daily walk with the Lord and was always willing to lend a helping hand. He was in poor health for several years but he always maintained his faith in God and a loving disposition to everyone. He was always willing to do what he could to work at the church activities.

He leaves behind his wife, Pam, two daughters, several grandchildren, brothers and sisters and many friends to mourn his passing. All who knew him miss his presence in their life.

# CHATTAHOOCHEE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST

## CONSTITUTION

### Preamble

We, the Free Will Baptist of the Chattahoochee District do ordain this Constitution for the purpose of advancing, promoting, and increasing all phases of the cause of Christ. It is with common good in mind that we come together to accomplish collectively those things we could not do alone. This organization shall not have any authority over individual churches except those delegated to it by the individual churches.

### Article I

This assembly shall be known as the Chattahoochee Association of Free Will Baptist.

### Article II

Section I. The officers of this organization shall be Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk/ Treasurer, and Assistant Clerk/Treasurer.

Section II. The Executive Board shall be composed of the Moderator, Clerk, and three members elected by the body. The term of the office will be three years rotating annually. *Members shall not serve consecutive terms.*

Amended January 9, 2010

Section III. The voting body of this Association shall be composed of Ordained Ministers, Ordained Deacons , and delegates from the participating churches. Each church will be allowed four delegates.

Section IV. All delegates from the churches must be elected from the laity of the church sending them.

Section V. Funds for the current expenses of this organization will be paid to the Clerk quarterly. Each church will give a minimum of ten dollars per allowed delegate. The amount can be changed by a majority vote of the convened body in any regular session.

Section VI. In order to pay the Chattahoochee Association annual representation fees for the Georgia State Association and National Association of Free Will Baptist each church each church will be responsible to promote, receive, and forward the amounts delegated by the State and National Associations per church per year to the Clerk at, or before, the annual session.

## Article III

Section I. Delegates will be elected to serve on Georgia State boards whose responsibility it will be to represent this body and to vote with the wishes of the Chattahoochee Association, not one's individual preference, to the greatest extent possible. These members will be elected to the terms designated by the State.

Section II. There shall be a Finance Committee consisting of two persons elected to serve annually and one delegate appointed at each quarterly session.

- A. The Finance Committee will be responsible for collecting and counting offerings taken at each session.
- B. The Finance Committee is to be responsible for counting and verifying all representation fees.
- C. It shall be the responsibility of the Finance Committee to audit the Clerk's records at each session and report the results to the body.

Section III. There shall be an Ordination Council made up of three men who explicitly meet the qualifications required by this body for ordination.

- A. It shall be the duty of the Ordination Council to examine each candidate presented for ordination and to make recommendations to the board.
- B. The Ordination Council will be responsible to see that each candidate gets a doctrinal examination booklet and to examine the answers provided.
- C. The members are to serve three years rotating each year *and shall not serve consecutive terms.* Amended January 9, 2010
- D. The member having served the greatest portion of a three year term shall be considered the chairman.

Section IV. There shall be a Youth/ Camp Board *which will be chaired by a President selected by the Youth Board.* Amended July 10, 2010

- A. This board will consist of one representative from each member church that has a desire for the spiritual growth of the young people, currently this will be a nine member board. It shall be their responsibility to plan and execute activities for the young people of this Association. The Board will have its *own Constitution and budget but will report to the Association.* Amended July 10, 2010.

- B. The Youth/Camp Director will be elected by the Association *for a term of three years and shall not serve consecutive terms*. The Director will assist in planning camps, youth rallies, and fund raising events for the young people of this Association and , will be responsible for the successful operation of youth camps. The Director will adhere to all guidelines set forth by this body and will report to the Association at each session.

*Amended July 10, 2010*

**Section V.** There shall be a Youth Competition Director.

- A. It shall be the responsibility of the Youth Competition Director to coordinate all session.
- B. The Director's duties will include acquiring dates for state and national competitions and relaying them to the individual churches.
- C. The Director will promote and plan all District competition events, inform the churches of rule changes as he/she is advised from the state and national organizations.
- D. The churches will be responsible for obtaining guidelines from the National Youth Conference and for training the young people.
- E. All events will be done according to the guidelines published by the national organization under the title of National youth Conference Competition Guidelines.

## **ARTICLE IV**

**Section I.** All officers, except board and committee members, shall be elected to a term of two years. The Moderator may succeed himself one term.

**Section II.** Standing boards of the Association have no power or final authority to conduct any business until the matter has been presented to and acted on by the Association in regular session except where otherwise provided.

**Section III.** Vacancies on any of the boards between sessions may be filled by appointment of the Moderator until the next business session.

**Section IV.** Elections of general officers shall take place on the odd years of the calendar.

**Section V.** If a member of any board fails in the function of his or her duty without good and sufficient reasons, the board of which the delinquent is a member may declare that particular office vacant. Further, this body shall have and does reserve the right to deal with the officer or board member who does not conduct his or her office in a Christian , businesslike manner according to the rules of Christian conduct as set forth in the New Testament.

**Section VI.** Any standing board of this District Association may appoint proxies to serve in lieu of the absent member.

## **ARTICLE V**

**Section I.** All candidates to be ordained in the ministry shall be required to come before the ordaining Council for examination, before actually being ordained by some other body. All incoming preachers would be required to be examined by said council before he would be allowed to participate in the business of the Association. Any minister approved by the Council but is waiting for a letter from his previous Association will be considered approved until the next scheduled session. If no letter has been received the Ordaining Council shall meet and present a recommendation to the body.

**Section II.** To be considered a standing delegate in this Association all ordained men are required to meet the requirements as set forth in the Book of I Timothy. Any person not living according to these requirements and according to the principles of the New Testament may be removed as a standing delegate until acknowledgments are made and accepted by the body in regular session.

## **ARTICLE VI**

**Section I.** The Moderator shall be elected to serve a two year term and may succeed himself one time, serving no more than 4 years consecutively. His duties are to moderate all sessions of the Association, represent the Association at State and National functions, and to serve as ex-officio member of all committees. He shall receive an honorarium each year to offset expenses occurred. He also shall receive reimbursement for travel to all official meetings at a rate of twenty cents per mile. This stipend can be changed as needed by a majority vote of the Association.

**Section II.** The Assistant Moderator shall assume the office of Moderator in the instance of the Moderator not being able to serve out his term. The Assistant Moderator will serve in the Moderator place if for any reason the Moderator has to be absent from a regular business session. The Assistant Moderator will only be compensated if he is fulfilling the duties of the moderator and then he is allowed the same honorarium and expenses as the moderator would receive.

**Section III.** The Clerk/Treasurer shall be responsible for all records of the Association. He/She will be responsible for taking minutes at each session and preparing the Annual book of minutes. This officer will have the authority to purchase supplies as needed and to take whatever steps are necessary to see that the finances of this body are handled in a responsible way. It will be his duty to present a finance report each session that in detail shows the

financial position of this body. While it is his responsibility to maintain the records, these records are considered open records and should be made available on request by any member of this Association. The Clerk/Treasurer shall receive an annual honorarium to offset his expenses. Also, he shall receive reimbursement for travel expenses occurred in the official duties of his office representing this body at State and National functions. This stipend shall be at the rate of twenty cents per mile and can be changed by majority vote of the Association.

**Section IV.** The Assistant Clerk shall assume all duties and authorities of the office of Clerk/Treasurer if for any reason the Clerk cannot fulfill the term of his office. The Assistant should assist the clerk at all regular sessions and be familiar with all records.

## **ARTICLE VII**

**Section I.** The order of succession shall be Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, and then Assistant Clerk. If for some reason none of these officers are present then the senior person from the Executive committee shall serve as moderator at any regular business session.

## **AMENDMENTS**

This constitution may be changed, altered, or amended by a two-thirds vote of all delegates present and voting at any regular session of the Association. Prior to presentation of any amendment, change, or alteration it must be submitted to the clerk in writing and read during the session before the break for committees. After reconvening the amendment, change, or alteration will be read again, discussed, and voted upon.

### **Amendment I**

The reimbursement rate for travel to all official meetings for the moderator and clerk shall be the current IRS rate as reported by the clerk at each quarterly meeting.

*Approved 4/06*

The reimbursement rate for travel to all official meetings for the moderator and clerk shall be the current IRS rate as reported by the clerk at each annual meeting.

*Approved 1/10*



### **Amendment II**

The Youth Camp Director shall be elected for a term of three years.

**Approved 10/07**

The Youth Director shall be elected for a term of three years and shall not serve consecutive terms.

**Approved 1/10**

### **Amendment III**

To amend Article II, Section 2 to read: Members shall not serve consecutive terms.

**Approved 1/10**

To amend Article III, Section 3c to read: and shall not serve consecutive terms.

**Approved 1/10**

### **Amendment IV**

To amend Article III, Section IV to read: There shall be a Youth/Camp Board which will be chaired by a President selected by the Youth Board

- A. The board will have its own Constitution and budget but will report to the Association.

**Approved 7/10**